

On page 15, line 26, after "of", replace "shinning-out" with --thinning-out--.

On page 18, line 26, after "particular", replace "shinning-out" with --thinning-out--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 3 and 4. A marked-up copy of Claims 3 and 4 showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

Note that all the claims currently pending in this application, including those not presently being amended, have been reproduced below for the Examiner's convenience.

In keeping with the changes to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 to implement the Patent Business Goals, the claims that are not presently being amended will not have a parenthetical expression following the claim number.

1. An image pickup device provided with a color filter array composed of color filters arranged in the horizontal and vertical directions and an image pickup element for picking up the image of an object through said color filter array:

wherein said color filter array comprises color filter groups of plural units in which each unit